

CLAIMS:

1. A method for improving the printing of an image, said method including:

5 receiving a source image of original pixel data;
 trapping the source image of original pixel data;
 tagging data in the trapping step; and
 dithering the data tagged in the trapping step.

10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the trapping is performed upon source image
 black data.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the trapping is performed upon source image
color data separation.

15 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the trapping is performed upon a image shape
 data color separation only if there is another color separation to be developed.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a high frequency halftone type.

20 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a halftone type which is
 different from the system halftone ultimately applied to the rest of the source
 image.

25 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a diffused type halftone.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a stochastic type halftone.